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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WARC - CONSULTATION WITH
VENEZUELA

REF: GENEVA 8038

1. U.S. HAD PROPOSED VISIT TO CARACAS FOR APRIL 24
AND 25, 1978, BUT REGRETFULLY, WE HAD TO CANCEL AT LAST
MINUTE DUE TO UNEXPECTED NON-AVAILABILITY OF U.S.
PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULED TO MAKE THE TRIP. PLEASE ASSURE
MR. MARTINEZ THAT WE DESIRE TO VISIT CARACAS AT EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE, NOTING OUR ALREADY HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR
WARC PREPARATION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SOUND OUT
MARTINEZ REGARDING A ONE-DAY STOPOVER IN CARACAS BY
SEVERAL U.S. PARTICIPANTS FOLLOWING THE JULY CITEL
SYMPOSIUM, WITHOUT MAKING FIRM COMMITMENT.

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2. FYI: EMBASSY CARACAS WORKED WITH MARIANO TIRADO,
CHIEF OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SET UP THE PROPOSED MEETING. TIRADO
DID NOT HAVE BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM ITU ON THE 1979
WARC (E.G., AGENDA) AND DOUBTED WHETHER GOV WAS PREPARED TO
FOCUS ON ISSUES AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY REPORTED THAT

ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, MARTINEZ DOES NOT HAVE

AUTHORITY IN INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. PLEASE TRY TO
DETERMINE ACTUAL SITUATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES FROM
MARTINEZ. VANCE

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